Publication of books in Indian languages

1469. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of books published in various Indian languages and States separately during 2001-2002 as recorded by the National Libraries;

(b) whether the information collected reveal the correct picture of the publishing activity in the country; and

(c) if not, what steps are contemplated to remedy it?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The National Library, Kolkata received 18212 books under the Delivery of Books and Newspapers (Public Libraries) Act, 1954 during 2001-02. State-wise and language-wise details are given in the Statement I and II (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The material received under the Delivery of Books and Newspapers (Public Libraries) Act, 1954 is generally less than the total volume of publications as many publishers default in meeting their obligations under the Act. To ensure better compliance the National Library conducts awareness programmes and sends frequent reminders to the publishers. Amendments in the Delivery of Books and Newspapers (Public Libraries) Act, 1954 are also under consideration of the Government.

Statement-I

NATIONAL LIBRARY, KOLKATA

Statistics of books received during 2001-02 under Delivery of Books and newspapers (Public Libraries) Act, 1954

STATE-WISE	
Andaman and Nicobar	13
Andhra Pradesh	488
Arunachal Pradesh	25
Assam	452
Bihar	212

Chandigarh	43
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	02
Delhi	5196
Goa	98
Gujarat	495
Haryana	46
Himachal Pradesh	25
Jammu and Kashmir	15
Karnataka	789
Kerala	433
Lakshadweep	03
Madhya Pradesh	119
Maharashtra	1329
Manipur	12
Meghalaya	37
Mizoram	16
Nagaland	07
Orissa	319
Punjab	334
Pondicherry	107
Rajasthan	300
Sikkim	25
Tamil Nadu	3274
Tripura	37
Uttar Pradesh	979
West Bengal	2992
TOTAL	18212

Statement-II

NATIONAL LIBRARY, KOLKATA

Statistics of books received under D.B. Act During 2001-2002

LANGUAGE-WISE	
Assamese	420
Bengali	2001
English	7309
Gujarati	457
Hindi	2280
Kannada	590
Malayalam	310
Marathi	738
Oriya	152
Panjabi	301
Sanskrit	138
Tamil	2823
Telugu	360
Urdu	311
Other Languages	22
TOTAL	18212

Uneartingh of Stone Age Site in M.P.

1470. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a stone age site has recently been unearthed in Mandsaur district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether the site has since been declared a protected historical monument under the Archaeological Survey of India Act; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?